

DIED IN FIRE

Thirteen People Burnt Up in a Tomb in Illinois

PROVES DEATH TRAP.

Flames Start in Saloon on Ground Floor of a Four-Story Building and Occupants are Driven to Top Floor, Where Thirteen Are Burned or Suffocated.—Police Suspect

Incendiarism.

Thirteen persons lost their lives and several others were injured early Monday in a tenement house fire at One Hundred and Ninth street and Second avenue, New York. All the dead were Italians. Seven of the 13 were children. The bodies were found huddled together in rooms on the top floor of the four-story building, where the terror-stricken people had been driven by the flames, which rushed up from the lower floors. They had succumbed before they could reach windows which led to the fire escapes. Some had been cut off by the flames and burned alive. Others, overcome by smoke, were spared the agonies of death in the flames.

That the fire was the work of incendiaries who sought revenge is the opinion of the police and firemen, who made the first hasty examination. Three weeks ago three Italians were caught in the act of attempting to rob a safe in the saloon of Guiseppe Cufano, on the ground floor.

The safe contained over \$2,000, which the saloon keeper's friends had withdrawn from banks during the money panic. The would-be robbers were arrested and are now awaiting trial. The fire of Monday started in Cudano's saloon and the

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took this means of squaring the account with the saloon keeper.

Cudano discovered the fire when

He went down to open his place of business early Monday morning. As he opened the door he was met by a rush of flames and without waiting a moment to investigate he turned the store the other way, and the flames went out for the occupants of the building to run for their lives. When he reached the rooms occupied by his own family he burst in the door and seizing his young son in his arms told Mrs. Cudano and other members of the family to follow. Cudano and the boy managed to find their way down the street, but though the woman could get through the flames had cut off all exit.

Not a single person was seen to appear at any of the windows of the blazing building with the exception of those on the second floor, from which several persons reached the

DOCTOR WAS KILLED

smoke to the upper floors. Therefore they came upon piles of dead where they had fallen victims to the rush.

In one of the heaps the firemen found a woman who had made one last desperate effort to save the life of her baby even when she knew that she herself was doomed to a horrible death. She had folded her arms tightly around the little one and then huddled down close to the floor, her body protecting that of the child. The mother's body was badly burned. That of the child bore scarcely a mark but it died from suffocation. On every side of the mother and child lay the bodies of other victims.

DIED A HERO.

Had Been Dead Two Days.—No Inquest Held.

The dead body of Bill Cleveland colored was found in a cotton patch about five miles east of Walhalla on Friday morning. The discovery was made by a small colored boy, who, passing through the field, accidentally stepped on the feet of the dead man. The coroner and the physician were summoned, but after examination it was not thought necessary to hold an inquest, as the doctors opinion was that he died from natural causes. The man had been dead about two days.

THREE BOLD ROBBERS

A special to the Express from Mexico City says: "The police of this city are active at work on one of the biggest kidnappings cases that they have ever had. It is evident that there have been at least two months an organization of kidnappers has been operating in this city. Forty-nine children have been stolen from their homes. What is done with them or where they might be taking them away and what means is not known. The age of the children varies between two and two years."

A Bold Robbery.

At Samarkand, Russian Turkistan, a force of forty men, uniformed and commanded by two officers, surprised and bound the sentries at the railroad station and blew open safes. The operation brought them only \$10,000.

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SWIFT JUSTICE.

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